



## Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 22, 2018**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 9 percent very short, 29 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 27 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 71.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 79.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano and Natchitoches. Highs ranged from 90.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Slidell to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was scarce throughout the State, with the highest concentration in the northeast part of the State with an average of 2.04 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending July 22, 2018

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn, dough	100	97	98	97
Corn, dent	91	75	90	85
Corn, mature	19	15	46	25
Cotton, squaring	99	98	99	97
Cotton, setting bolls	90	77	76	74
Cotton, open bolls	2	0	10	3
Hay, second cutting	68	54	49	55
Rice, headed	88	74	80	83
Rice, mature	31	14	28	19
Rice, harvested	1	(NA)	9	4
Sorghum, headed	98	94	95	96
Sorghum, coloring	61	54	74	69
Sorghum, mature	10	3	27	12
Soybeans, blooming	98	96	94	90
Soybeans, setting pods	88	82	86	76
Soybeans, turning color	3	1	16	7

(NA) Not available.

### Crop condition for week ending July 22, 2018

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	1	11	32	49	7
Cotton	0	7	45	43	5
Livestock	1	6	34	52	7
Pasture	4	18	39	33	6
Rice	0	5	16	69	10
Sorghum	0	9	61	30	0
Soybeans	1	11	28	46	14
Sugarcane	0	7	35	38	20
Sweet potatoes	0	6	30	64	0
Vegetables	6	13	39	40	2

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Corn crop is winding down. Rice is heading and maturing. Cotton and soybeans still have a few weeks to go until mature stage. The hot, dry weather will have an influence on all the crops.”

–Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“Heavy rainfall and high temperatures are causing some fungal issues.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

“Area received little rain this past week. Sugarcane farmers to work fallow ground and spray fields as they prepare to start planting in the next few weeks. The hot and humid weather is allowing sugarcane to grow rapidly, and soybeans are progressing nicely. Pasture growth has been good over past few weeks and drier weather has allowed for hay to be cut and baled.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Hot and dry conditions are rapidly sucking up soil moisture. Hay cutting is in full swing. Sugarcane planting will commence next week. Early soybeans are being sprayed with defoliant in preparation for harvest. Rice harvest will begin shortly.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Rice harvest has started. Farmers began cutting rice this past week as rice is ripening fast once fields are drained due to the high heat and dry conditions. Soybean fields look very good where rain has been present. The fields that look good have pods from top to bottom and are catching periodical rain showers. The fields that don't look good have very uneven stands. Pastures could use some more moisture. We went from having an adequate amount of moisture in the soil over the last several weeks to becoming very dry again in certain parts of the parish. Some reports of armyworms have come in for hay fields.”

– Jeremy Herbert, Acadia Parish

**Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 22, 2018**

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
<b>Northwest</b>										
Minden	100.0	78.7	89.4	82.4	6.9	0.02	1	-0.72	2.51	-1.31
Mooringsport	99.8	77.8	88.8	83.2	5.6	0.00	0	-0.58	0.91	-2.25
Red River	96.6	77.6	87.1	83.3	3.8	(NA)	0	-0.77	0.92	-2.72
Shreveport	98.9	75.9	87.4	82.9	4.4	0.05	1	-1.07	1.35	-2.92
Extreme/Average	98.8	77.5	88.2	83.0	5.2	0.02	1	-0.79	1.42	-2.30
<b>North central</b>										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	97.2	74.6	85.9	80.7	5.2	(NA)	0	-0.57	1.76	-1.90
Extreme/Average	97.2	74.6	85.9	81.5	5.2	nan	0	-0.57	1.76	-1.90
<b>Northeast</b>										
Lake Providence	90.6	76.3	83.4	82.7	0.8	0.66	3	-0.03	2.55	-0.67
St Joseph	94.1	74.1	84.1	82.8	1.3	3.22	2	2.23	4.73	0.78
Tallulah	93.5	71.0	82.3	82.2	0.2	2.23	2	2.02	2.23	0.75
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.00	-0.93
Extreme/Average	92.7	73.8	83.3	82.6	0.8	2.04	3	1.41	2.38	-0.02
<b>West central</b>										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	95.1	75.0	85.1	81.5	3.5	0.00	0	-0.79	5.64	1.65
Natchitoches	97.7	79.7	88.7	83.8	4.9	0.03	1	-1.05	2.83	-1.15
Extreme/Average	96.4	77.3	86.9	82.4	4.2	0.01	1	-0.92	4.23	0.25
<b>Central</b>										
Alexandria	95.6	76.7	86.1	83.4	2.7	0.00	0	-0.87	3.70	-0.71
Bunkie	92.6	77.6	85.1	82.5	2.5	0.00	0	-0.79	3.66	-0.28
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	94.7	75.9	85.3	82.7	2.6	0.35	2	-0.44	1.90	-1.84
New Roads	93.2	77.3	85.3	83.0	2.3	0.03	1	-0.67	2.13	-2.03
Extreme/Average	94.0	76.9	85.4	83.1	2.5	0.10	2	-0.69	2.85	-1.22
<b>East central</b>										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.09	1	-1.03	3.96	-1.90
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.35	1	(NA)	2.21	(NA)
Slidell	90.4	76.1	83.3	82.2	1.1	1.42	4	-0.15	5.35	-0.20
Extreme/Average	90.4	76.1	83.3	82.0	1.1	0.62	4	-0.59	3.84	-1.05
<b>Southwest</b>										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.2	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.68	4.80	-0.36
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	82.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	92.3	76.3	84.3	82.3	2.0	0.01	1	-1.01	5.40	0.33
Oberlin Fire	94.3	75.9	85.1	82.0	3.1	0.00	0	-1.11	4.15	-1.31
Extreme/Average	93.3	76.1	84.7	82.2	2.5	0.00	1	-0.93	4.78	-0.45
<b>South central</b>										
Donaldsonville	92.8	76.7	84.8	82.0	2.8	0.12	1	-1.03	2.18	-3.78
Jeanerette	92.9	77.1	85.0	82.3	2.7	0.04	1	-1.39	6.86	-0.13
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	91.0	78.9	84.9	82.3	2.7	0.00	0	-1.45	4.74	-1.92
Extreme/Average	92.2	77.6	84.9	82.1	2.7	0.05	1	-1.29	4.59	-1.94
<b>Southeast</b>										
Galliano	92.9	79.7	86.3	82.4	3.9	1.19	3	-0.62	8.01	1.17
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.53	1	-0.71	4.91	-0.92
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	93.6	76.3	84.9	84.3	0.6	1.87	4	0.05	7.72	0.65
Extreme/Average	93.2	78.0	85.6	83.3	2.3	1.20	4	-0.43	6.88	0.30
<b>State</b>	<b>94.2</b>	<b>76.4</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>82.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-0.55</b>	<b>3.71</b>	<b>-0.88</b>

(NA)Not available.

Normal = Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.

DFN = Departure From Normal.